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REF: MEXICO 11351; VANCE/ALBERTI TELECON DECEMBER 24

FOR AMBASSADOR JOVA FROM VANCE

TO CONFIRM TELECON WITH ALBERTI, WE ARE TAKING FOLLOWING
ACTION IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL:

1. WE HAVE FIRM ASSURANCE OF MANUFACTURER THAT FIVE
ADDITIONAL SIMPLEX SYSTEMS WILL BE DELIVERED AT THE
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FACTORY NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, SOME OF THEM POSSIBLY

EARLIER. WE WILL EXPEDITE DELIVERY TO MEXICO.

2. WE HAVE BEGUN SEARCH FOR UP TO FIVE ADDITIONAL 206-B'S, NEW OR USED, POSSIBLY WITH SIMPLEX ALREADY INSTALLED. WILL INFORM YOU OF FINDINGS AND WE CAN THEN DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO PROCURE.

3. WE HAVE BEGUN SEARCH IN U.S. FOR MEXICAN NATIONALS QUALIFIED IN 206 SPRAYING. WE PREFER NOT TO USE AMERICAN PILOTS.

4. WE ARE CONSIDERING THE MICRO-FOIL SYSTEMS REQUEST AND NEED TECHNICAL EMBASSY AND MEXICAN RESPONSE TO AGREEMENT FOR USE AND FEASIBILITY OF MICRO-FOIL USE, E.G., MAGNITUDE OF 212 MICRO-FOIL USE IN MOUNTAINOUS AREAS AND SMALLER FIELDS.

IF ONLY EFFECTIVE ON LARGER FIELDS SHOULD FIXED WING AIRCRAFT USE WITH SPRAY BE CONSIDERED? UNDER IDEAL CIRCUMSTANCES ESTIMATES OF TOTAL FIELDS AND 10 - 14 206S WILL NOT ACHIEVE TOTAL ERADICATION IN TIMELY FASHION. ASSUMING 65 PERCENT (NINE 206S OPERATIONAL - 225 FIELDS PER 206 - DESTROYED PER DAY, 110 PLUS DAYS NEEDED TO DESTROY 25,000 FIELDS). EVEN IF TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS INDICATE MICRO-FOIL MAY NOT BE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE SYSTEM, MICRO-FOIL EXPERIMENTATION WITH ONE TO TWO SYSTEMS MAY BE DESIRABLE FOR LONG TERM GOALS IN MEXICO AND ELSEWHERE.

ASSUMING DELIVERY OF ADDITIONAL 206S IS FEASIBLE, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT TECHNICAL DISADVANTAGES CITED IN PARA 3 (B) OF REFTEL FOR USE OF 212 MICROFOIL SYSTEMS COULD BE CONTROLLED TO AVOID DETRACTING FROM MOMENTUM OF CAMPAIGN. AS ALTERNATE TO ADDITIONAL 206S, WE VIEW PROCUREMENT NOW OF TWO MICROFOIL SYSTEMS AS MEETING LONG AND SHORT TERM GOALS OF PROGRAM AND REDUCE PROCUREMENT DELAYS IF SECOND OPTION OF MICROFOIL BECOMES IMPERATIVE BECAUSE OF LACK OF IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE 206'S. APPRECIATE URGENT RESPONSE FROM U.S. AND MEXICAN TECHNICIANS.

5. UPON RECEIPT OF ALLOTMENT, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO
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CONCLUDE PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR 350,000 DOLS WITH THE GOM FOR THE PURCHASE OF URGENTLY REQUIRED EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND/OR SERVICES WHICH CANNOT BE OBTAINED BY GOM OR UNDER THE BELL CONTRACT; THIS TO INCLUDE 50,000 DOLS. FOR MOPS CONSUMABLES. PURCHASE OF ANY ITEMS OR SERVICES COSTING MORE THAN 10,000 DOLS WILL BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR WASHINGTON APPROVAL. KISSINGER

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